

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Original)** A method for treating cerebral ischemia comprising administering a compound capable of deleting mast cells or a compound inhibiting mast cells degranulation to a human in need of such treatment.

2. **(Original)** A method according to claim 1 for treating cerebral ischemia comprising administering a c-kit inhibitor to a human in need of such treatment.

3. **(Original)** A method according to claim 2, wherein said c-kit inhibitor is a non-toxic, selective and potent c-kit inhibitor wherein it is unable to promote death of IL-3 dependent cells cultured in presence of IL-3.

4.-26. **(Canceled)**